The Northern Resident Orcas and Bringing Corky Home

Michael Reppy

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At the tender age of four, Corky, a member of the A5 pod of Northern resident orcas, was captured and taken from her family for use in the theme park industry. Now, at 54-years of age, she is the longest surviving killer whale in captivity. She continues to perform for audiences at SeaWorld San Diego.

Admission is free.
Donations are encouraged,
$10 general, $5 students

For over twenty years, Michael Reppy has worked with Paul Spong of OrcaLab and with the Free Corky Campaign. This evening Mr. Reppy will share some of his in-depth knowledge of the Northern resident orcas. He will also tell us about his work to have Corky released from captivity and brought to a whale sanctuary in Double Bay, Hanson Island, British Columbia so she can retire in her home waters and reconnect with her family.

Michael Reppy grew up in Oxnard, California where he developed a connection to the ocean at an early age through surfing and sailing. He has sailed many boats in his life and now has an F-27 trimaran, Dolphin Spirit II. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University and a Master of Science degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Southern California. For forty years he has worked as a Physical Therapist including private practice in Santa Monica, and Home Care Physical Therapist for Marin Home Care, and Sutter Care at Home. For thirty years he has volunteered at Earth Island Institute's International Marine Mammal Project and at his own Dolphin Spirit Project. He worked on many campaigns including Stopping Dolphin Slaughter, Taiji, Japan, with 3 attempts to break the solo sailing record from San Francisco to Tokyo for Save Japan Dolphins, many anti-captivity actions, and the Free Corky Campaign. For the past two years, Mr. Reppy has been working on creating the Corky Whale Sanctuary in Double Bay, Hanson Island, British Columbia. www.dolphinspirit.org